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SUBJ: EXTRACTION OF URANIUM FROM PHOSPHORIC ACID

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1. EMBASSY FOUND INFORMATION ON PROCESS OF EXTRACTING URANIUM FROM PHOSPHORIC ACID CONTAINED IN REFTEL MOST INTERESTING AND WONDERS IF IT MIGHT NOT HAVE APPLICATION TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN TOGO.
2. AS DEPARTMENT AND USDOC ARE BOTH AWARE FROM PREVIOUS REPORTING, TOGO IS MOVING AHEAD ON PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A PHOSPHORIC ACID FERTILIZER PLANT. A US COMPANY, DEVCO INTERNATIONAL, INC SUITE 808, 320 SOUTH BOSTON, TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74103, IS PROBABLY GOING TO HAVE THE MANAGEMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION CONTRACTS FOR THE PROJECT.
3. ANOTHER US FIRM, WYOMING MINERALS, A WESTINGHOUSE SUBSIDIARY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH URANERZBERGAU, A GERMAN FIRM, IS EXPLORING FOR URANIUM IN NORTHERN TOGO. REFTEL STATES THAT IT IS WYOMING MINERALS WHICH IS CURRENTLY CONSTRUCTING EXTRACTION PLANT FOR THE US FIRM, FARMLAND INDUSTRIES, AND MAY DO FOUR SUCH PLANTS FOR MOROCCO.

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4. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW IF TOGOLESE PHOSPHATE CONTAINS TRACES OF U308 THAT COULD BE EXTRACTED PROFITABLY. HOWEVER, IF IT SHOULD: THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SALE OF US DESIGN, TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT EXISTS. THEREFORE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT USDOC ACT AS HONEST BROKER TO PUT DEVCO AND WYOMING MINERALS IN CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER TO DETERMINE IF COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES EXIST. PALMER

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